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Mr. Sam Williams
President
Board of Police Commissioners
Parker Center, Room 140
150 N. Los Angeles St.
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Williams:

CBS News has been investigating the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy in connection with a news documentary we are preparing for November. There are certain questions involving the police investigation of that event that have not been fully answered. Any help you could offer in getting answers to these questions would be greatly appreciated.

The following list represents the questions to date. Between now and the final editing of the documentary we may submit additional questions.

1. Does the police trajectory report of the bullets fired by Sirhan, a report dated July 8, 1968 and signed by Mr. Wolfer, still stand without changes. If there are changes what are they?

2. Are there any photographs of the ceiling panels that were destroyed in 1969? If there are, may we have copies of them? We will pay the cost of reproduction. How did you determine the three holes were bullet holes?

3. Were there any uniformed police inside the Ambassador Hotel the night of the shooting but before the shots were fired? If not, why not?

4. Were there any undercover police inside the hotel during the time mentioned above? If so, why?

5. To the knowledge of police officials, did any of the key personnel in "Special Unit Senator" do any work for the Central Intelligence Agency? If so, what?

cc: President (Info. Only) Comm. Pfaelzer (Approp. Action)
Chief of Police (Approp. Action) Chief Gates (Approp. Action)
City Atty. Dion Morrow (Approp. Action)

6. Did any LAPD personnel attend any training program or study program conducted by the Central Intelligence Agency during the year preceding the assassination? If so, what was the purpose of the program and was this a routine session?

7. Is there any record of a police check of the gun carried by part-time Ace Guard Service employee Thane Eugene Cesar on the night of the shooting? If the gun was inspected at all was there any check to see if it had been fired in the recent past? Do you know if any LAPD officer saw Cesar's gun that night and could establish whether or not he was carrying a .38 calibre pistol?

8. Was Cesar interviewed by the police after the assassination? Was he asked whether or not he drew his gun at any point? If so, what was his answer? Did he volunteer any information about drawing his gun if the question was not asked?

9. Did any other Ace guards or hotel security guards draw guns in the pantry before, during or after the shooting? Who were they and when did they draw their guns? Were their guns checked by police that night? Of so, what did those checks reveal?

10. What was the weight in grains of the bullets or fragments removed from Kennedy and the other five victims?

11. What is the proper procedure for destroying an object that has been booked as evidence? Was that procedure followed in the destruction of the ceiling panels? If not, why not?

12. Were any police reports in the investigation ever reported missing or stolen? What did these reports deal with? Are they still missing? Has it ever been determined what happened to them?

13. Was a blood sample taken from Sirhan at the time of his arrest? If so, was that sample tested for alcohol content? If so, what did the tests show? Was any other test done for alcohol content?

14. Did the police ever determine where Sirhan got four one-hundred-dollar bills found on him at the time of arrest? Was any effort made to trace the bills? If so, what was learned from the trace?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (212) 765-4321, ext. 6401 or my associate, Brooke Janis, ext. 2967.

Sincerely,

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